

The President's Message.

The Boston Herald gives the following interesting abstract of President Cleveland's message to congress:

President Cleveland's latest message "to the congress of the United States," with a brief introduction, proceeds to the discussion of the condition of those foreign countries in which there have been wars and disturbances. It treats first of affairs in Turkey, and next discusses more at length the relations of Spain with the Cuban rebellion.

The president expresses regret that the massacres and destruction in Asiatic Turkey have been continued during the year, and emphasizes and reproaches the cruelty attending them. He states that none of our citizens have been killed, but that they have been constantly "in the midst of dreadful scenes of danger," and that "their safety in the future is by no means assured." Our government has done all that is reasonable or likely to be efficient for their protection, and its efforts to this end will not be relaxed. We have made claims for the pillage and destruction of missionary property, the validity of which has not yet been admitted. Their prompt settlement is being urged. The president anticipates that there will be early interference by the powers of Christendom to remove this blot upon civilization.

No progress has been made, congress is told, toward the pacification of Cuba, and there is not the least improvement in the conditions there. Both parties decline to yield, and Spain will not compromise. Mr. Cleveland finds no evidence that a reliable civil government exists among those in insurrection, and thinks such claim to this as existed has been practically abandoned. He recognizes the war now on both sides to be one of devastation, which is turning this fertile island into ruin for purposes of production. He fears if this continues another year the injury done will be for a long time irreparable. Our country has more than a sentimental interest in the contest, from its commercial relations with Cuba. This, with the number of Cubans belonging to the insurgents residing here, the large amount of sympathy felt with those in rebellion, and the entanglement growing out of American property in Cuba has induced a call for United States interference. The proposition to accord belligerent rights has been abandoned, and the president does not look favorably upon the recognition of Cuban independence, because he finds no Cuban government to recognize. He does not approve, either, of American intervention that would involve war. He thinks, however, our course as a nation has been eminently forbearing toward Spain, is disposed now to suggest to that government to bring the struggle to an end by granting autonomy to Cuba, and states that "it was intimated by this government to the government of Spain months ago that, if a satisfactory measure of home rule were tendered the Cuban insurgents, and would be accepted by them upon a guarantee of its execution, the United States would endeavor to find a way not objectionable to Spain of furnishing such guarantee." No definite answer to this has been received, but it has been intimated that it may be called for, and that if the inability of Spain to deal with the insurrection is made manifest a situation will be presented in which our obligations to the sovereignty of Spain will be superseded by higher obligations which we can hardly hesitate to recognize and discharge. On this point the president significantly says: "Whatever circumstances may arise, our policy and our interests would constrain us to object to an acquisition of the island or an interference with its control by any other power." There is no intimation of his favoring the annexation of the island to our country.

The Venezuelan boundary question, we are told, has ceased to be a matter of difference between Great Britain and the United States. Interesting figures are furnished in reference to the treasury statement, and the importations and exports, to which we refer the reader. Immigration into the country has somewhat increased, and the general character of it is spoken of favorably by the president. Greater care is recommended in dealing with the public lands of the United States. President Cleveland refers briefly, but strongly to the abuses in the pension system, and states the pension roll to be larger now than at any previous time. He thinks these abuses, aside from the expense they have brought upon the people, which is equal to a third of the government outlay, "have done incalculable harm in demoralizing our people and undermining good citizenship."

The reform of the postal service, by discontinuing the carrying of official libraries, advertising sheets and other matter at a sum much less than the cost attending it, is recommended. Here is clearly an abuse.

Words of hearty praise and support are given to the reforms in the civil service of the country. Reference is made to the large number added to those included in the competitive classified service, which now amounts to 84,000. The president favors the retiring of these officials from active political work in our election contests.

President Cleveland refers favorably to the operation of the present tariff. He believes it will, "if allowed a fair opportunity, in the near future yield a revenue

which, with reasonably economical expenditures, will overcome all deficiencies." He thinks the surplus in the treasury, aside from gold, may legitimately be employed against any temporary deficiency under its operation. He states that in the only entire fiscal year during which the tariff has been in force, "our imports increased over those of the previous year more than \$6,500,000, while the value of the domestic products we exported, and which found markets abroad, was nearly \$70,000,000 more than during the preceding year."

We have referred elsewhere to his proposal in regard to the currency. The message concludes with a vigorous presentation of the evils of trusts as they are in operation in the country, and an appeal to congress for the most rigid economy in the expenditure of the money it holds in trust for the people. The document is well written, and more interesting than the average of president's messages. We have only been able to refer to some of its more important features. It will well repay a careful reading.

Monkey Cyclist.

The smartest monkey in the world is said to be Consul II, now in the Bellevue Zoological gardens, Manchester, England. So eminent an authority as Richard L. Garner declares Consul II to be the most human ape in existence.

Consul II is a chimpanzee, and is said to be the only chimpanzee ever trained to do tricks. He rides a velocipede and a bicycle, plays a violin and bugle, though he does not extract much music; sits at a table to eat, uses soap and towels when making his toilet and shaves himself. When riding his wheel he rings the bell almost constantly, not so much to alarm pedestrians as because he enjoys the sound.

He smokes cigars and cigarettes, and eagerly picks up a stump when he finds it. He is afraid of the fire, and will not hold a match or lighted paper to light a pipe or cigar, but he scratches a match and hands it to his trainer. He has learned to box, and in a fight with another monkey uses his fists like a pugilist. The other monkey tried to bite, but Consul persisted in the use of his fists and won the battle. He eats lettuce and similar vegetables, as well as meat and game. Owing to a tendency toward consumption great care is taken with his diet.

Consul has been away from his native jungles in Africa for eighteen months, and has proved an apt scholar. He gives performances twice a day and never fails to interest the spectators.

The Grandest Remedy.

Mr. R. B. Grieve, merchant, of Chihuahua, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief; spent many nights sitting up in a chair, was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cured by use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business, and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and Consumption. It doesn't fail. Trial bottles free at Faint Bros. Drug Store.

Wm. Lavin of Brattleboro has signed a contract with Madam Lillian Nordica to sing in a series of 10 concerts, the first of which will be given in Omaha, Neb., Dec. 17.

During the past week a large number of farmers in Connecticut valley near Westminster, sold 1895 and 1896 tobacco crops at from 10 to 12 cents, about two cents more than they had received in the last two years. This year's crop was larger and of better quality than any raised for a number of years. The acreage will probably be much increased during the year.

it is what a cough may lead to that makes it so dangerous.

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Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar is a medicine that has long been tested in private practice. Sold by druggists generally.

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GEORGE E. GROW, VARIETY STORE.

The officers of the Vermont national guard have this week been inspecting the probable location of the state muster to be held next year. This is a large meadow containing 150 acres and known as the Billings farm. It is situated in Chester, about 11 miles from Belows Falls on the line of the Rutland railroad, and it borders on Williams river. It is admirably adapted for a camp. The permanent campground near Burlington, which is owned by the state, has never been used and it requires a large outlay of money. The legislature made no appropriation for the purpose. It has been several years since the encampment has been held at this end of the state.



Fifty Years Ago.

President Polk in the White House chair, while in Lowell was Doctor Ayer; Both were busy for human weal. One to govern and one to heal. And, as a president's power of will sometimes depends on a liver-pill, Mr. Polk took Ayer's Pills a throw for his liver, 50 years ago.

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in northern Vermont, of about 80 acres, which usually cuts 75 tons of hay; three teams and sleds and hay barn.

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The National Life Insurance Company Of Montpelier, Vermont.

Hereby Promises to Pay one thousand dollars to A. L. Blonde, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., (the insured), Oct. 31, 1916, or if the insured shall die before that date, then said sum shall be immediately payable upon receipt and acceptance of proof of death to the insured, or to the beneficiary, or to the executors, administrators or assigns of the insured.

This Contract is issued in consideration of the statements and agreements in the application (hereby made a part hereof) and of the premium of \$47.45, to be paid to this Company upon the delivery of this contract, and of the payment of a like sum on or before the thirty-first day of October in every year during the lifetime of the insured until twenty full years' premiums have been paid.

Incontestable. This Contract shall be incontestable after two years from the date of its issue, providing the required premiums are duly paid.

Non-Forfeitable. (a) At the end of the third policy year (and not sooner), three full annual premiums having been paid in cash, or thereafter, at the end of any policy year for which the required premiums have been received, this Company guarantees to the insured, and beneficiary on default in the payment, when due, of any premium or any note given therefor, one of the following benefits or options of settlements:

AT END OF	WITHOUT ACTION OF INSURED,		OR, ON APPLICATION AND LEGAL SURRENDER OF THIS CONTRACT WITHIN THREE MONTHS,	
	Continued Insurance for \$1,000 for 11 years 149 days	Value Payable if Insured Survives Extension Term.	A Cash Value (See Loans)	Or a paid up Bond (participating in surplus, if \$100 or more, for \$150.00)
3d Policy Year.	15 " "	\$ 79.00	of \$ 95.04	" 200.00
4th " "	15 " "	158.00	" 132.08	" 250.00
5th " "	15 " "	234.00	" 210.08	" 300.00
6th " "	15 " "	304.00	" 250.82	" 350.00
7th " "	15 " "	372.00	" 293.48	" 400.00
8th " "	15 " "	438.00	" 338.13	" 450.00
9th " "	15 " "	500.00	" 384.89	" 500.00
10th " "	15 " "	559.00	" 433.89	" 550.00
11th " "	15 " "	616.00	" 485.24	" 600.00
12th " "	15 " "	672.00	" 539.09	" 650.00
13th " "	15 " "	723.00	" 595.59	" 700.00
14th " "	15 " "	772.00	" 654.72	" 750.00
15th " "	15 " "	818.00	" 716.92	" 800.00
16th " "	15 " "	862.00	" 782.27	" 850.00
17th " "	15 " "	904.00	" 851.02	" 900.00
18th " "	15 " "	947.00	" 923.50	" 950.00
19th " "	15 " "	1,000.00	" 1,000.00	" 1,000.00

(b) Should this bond be cancelled because of default in the payment of any premium or of any note given therefor, all indebtedness to this Company by the insured on account of this bond will be deducted from the cash value stated above, correspondingly reducing the value of the several options of settlement.

(c) Should the insured die during the first year of the continued insurance, there will be deducted in settlement the amount of premium account of this bond at the time of its death.

Loans. At any time after three years, while this bond is in full force by premium payments, upon satisfactory assignment as security for its payment, this Company will loan up to the limit secured by the guaranteed cash value of this bond as above stated.

Surplus. This bond shall share in the distribution of surplus, as apportioned by the Directors of this Company. The first such distribution will be made when specified. The insured, if this bond has been continued in full force, and not otherwise, shall then be entitled to elect one of the following privileges:

First—To withdraw the entire cash value of this bond (the matured endowment and surplus) in cash; or

Second—To receive said matured endowment and surplus converted into an annuity; or

Third—To receive any portion of said matured endowment and surplus in cash and convert the balance into an annuity.

In Witness whereof, the National Life Insurance Company, has, by its President and Secretary, signed and delivered this contract this thirty-first day of October, the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, at Montpelier, Vt., where all claims under it are payable.

GEO. W. REED, Secretary.

Apply to or Address CHARLES DEWEY, President.

W. W. SPRAGUE, General Agent,

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